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Letter dated 16 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a letter dated 14 November 1995, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, Representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hüseyin E. ÇELEM
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ANNEX

Letter dated 14 November 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 25 October 1995 addressed to you by the Greek Cypriot representative at the United Nations, which contains allegations regarding "violations of the airspace of the Republic" (A/50/688-S/1995/889 dated 26 October 1995).

Like all previous similar allegations of the Greek Cypriot administration, those contained in the said letter are unfounded and generated as part of the Greek Cypriot side's relentless campaign of defamation and propaganda directed against the Turkish Cypriot side and Turkey. As these have been amply refuted in my previous communications addressed to you on this subject, most recently in my letter dated 6 October 1995 (A/50/529-S/1995/853 dated 9 October 1995), I will confine myself to reiterating that flights within the airspace of Northern Cyprus are with the full knowledge and consent of the appropriate authorities of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, over which the Greek Cypriot usurpers of the seat of government have no jurisdiction or right of say.

It is ironic that the Greek Cypriot side, which protests against flights in the airspace of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, has most recently had Greek Air Force fighter planes fly over the south as part of the joint military manoeuvres with Greece code-named "Nikiforos 95", held in conjunction with a nautical and air force exercise (Toxotis-3) by Greece in the eastern Aegean, in the context of the so-called "joint defence dogma". It is clear that with these exercises, together with its massive campaign of militarization in the south, the Greek Cypriot side, with the full participation of Greece, is seeking venues and options other than the negotiating process to "settle" the Cyprus issue.

I wish to stress that the net result of this policy of escalation, coupled with the inflammatory rhetoric that the Greek and Greek Cypriot leaderships have been employing against our people, is the further deterioration of the relations between the two peoples in the island, undermining prospects for a negotiated solution through your mission of good offices.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

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